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29 August 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR: Ben Evans
Executive Secretary

SUBJECT : NSAM/NSDM Reviews

1. Per the request of your assistant, [] I have reviewed the NSAM/NSDM review exercise as it initially was received from the NSC and as I understand the current instructions now in effect.

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2. The original NSC request called for the review of 6 NSAMs and 33 NSDMs and stated that these documents should be reviewed by "an ad hoc group, including the initial addressees" to recommend various dispositions. As you know, we prepared a memorandum to NSC Chief Brzezinski for the Director's signature in July, which gave the CIA --including NIO and IC Staff--position on all 39 documents.

3. More recently, the various ad hoc groups have formed up and requests for the CIA position have been coming in from each ad hoc chairman assigned to review a particular NSAM or NSDM. I have responded directly to the ad hoc group chairman or his designated action officer with the CIA position after 1) checking our original position on the document and 2) rechecking with the action office originally assigned the responsibility for developing the Agency position to ascertain whether or not the proposed recommendations of the ad hoc group chairman are acceptable. To date, the Agency has been asked for its position on three NSAMs and nine NSDMs and in each instance we have concurred in the recommendation of the ad hoc group chairman or, in instances where the Agency felt the matter was outside its purview, have registered a "no comment".

4. All 39 documents have been assigned to an ad hoc group and, as I understand the drill from discussions with some of these individuals, each of the documents eventually will be reviewed. I also understand that the original suspense date of 15 August is no longer operative

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at 1425 hrs. We do not owe
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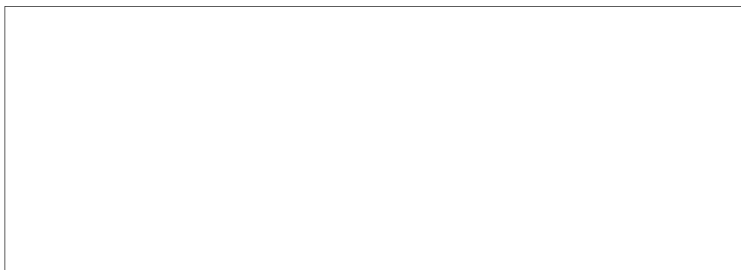
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and that completion of the exercise in essence depends on when all of the various ad hoc groups have had a chance to recommend disposition of their respective documents and have received interagency agreement.

5. I am operating under the assumption that any request for an Agency position would have to come through this office at some point in the process. I cannot be certain, however, that some of the ad hoc group chairmen may be dealing--or have dealt--independently with someone in CIA who in turn has provided a CIA position independent of the coordinated position I developed at your request in July.

6. I also am operating under the assumption that our responses now are to go individually to the various ad hoc group chairmen rather than in toto from the DCI to Dr. Brzezinski.

7. As per our conversation earlier this month, I have been maintaining the record of our responses. These of course are available anytime you or someone else wishes to check them.



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The Director
Central Intelligence Agency



Washington, D. C. 20505

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable Zbigniew Brzezinski
Assistant to the President
for National Security Affairs

SUBJECT: CIA Recommendations for Disposition of
National Security Action Memoranda and
National Security Decision Memoranda

REFERENCE: Presidential Directive/NSC-14

1. The following represents the recommendations of the Central Intelligence Agency for disposition of NSAMs and NSDMs under review as identified at Tab D of Reference.

2. We have responded with a "No Comment" in those instances where the Agency feels the particular NSAM or NSDM is outside its purview.

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